



NEWS UPDATE 08-03-2016

→ **[Webinar: Financing and Operating Affordable Housing for Extremely Low Income Households](#)** **[Monday, August 15 at 12:30 PM ET](#)**

NLIHC will host a webinar for advocates and developers on Monday, August 15 at 12:30 pm ET on options and considerations related to financing and operating affordable housing for extremely low income (ELI) households - those with incomes at or below 30% of the area median income.

Many consider developing rental units affordable to ELI households without relying on vouchers to be impossible. NLIHC's national Housing Trust Fund (HTF) Developer Advisory Group recently published two short briefs on strategies for funding ELI housing and on options and considerations related to using operating assistance and operating assistance reserves for HTF projects to achieve 30-year ELI affordability without depending on vouchers.

NLIHC's Ed Gramlich and Paul Kealey will provide an overview of the Advisory Group's papers. Former Homes for America President and CEO Nancy Rase and Community Frameworks Senior Housing and Community Developer Ginger Segel, both members of the HTF Developer Advisory Group, will be on hand to share reflections and answer your questions.

The national Housing Trust Fund requires that at least 80% of a state's HTF allocation must be used to produce, rehabilitate, or preserve rental housing, that 100% of a state's allocation in 2016 must benefit ELI households, and that HTF-assisted units must remain affordable for at least 30 years. [Learn how this can be accomplished and what the pitfalls are.](#)

Click Here to Register Today

NLIHC is a membership-based organization open to individuals, organizations, corporations and government agencies. Our members are our greatest asset.

→ **Medicaid Benefit Resources**

Washington Low Income Housing Alliance website has a full list of **Benefit Resources for Supportive Housing**: www.wliha.org/medicaid-benefit-resources

Supportive Housing Services Medicaid Benefit Resources, extensive training series, and background information on the 1115 Waiver.

→ **South Hill Neighborhood Plan**

The Puyallup Planning Division is holding an **Open House on August 10, 2016** to provide information on the Planning Commission recommendation for the **South Hill Neighborhood Plan**. Please stop by anytime

between 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM on August 10th to learn more. Please see the project webpage for more information on the recommended plan: www.cityofpuyallup.org/southhill

Location: South Hill Mall Community Room, 3500 S Meridian – Suite 905, Puyallup

Note: In reviewing the plan, I found no reference to “affordable housing,” but there are recommendations for increased housing density and “work force” housing. – C Brown

→ DOC data: Homelessness and Affordable Housing



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→ Northwest HUD e-brief August 2016

to be posted this week: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?>

→ NACEDA News - RNC and DNC Policy Platforms Address Housing

The Republican and Democratic National Conventions formally adopted policy platforms at their conventions. The **Republican platform** calls on the federal government to scale back its involvement in the housing finance system, including Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and the Federal Housing Administration. And, it calls for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to be abolished. Like the House Republican’s anti-poverty plan, the party platform focuses on what Republican see as the failures of the War on Poverty. The Republican platform also criticizes federal fair housing and fair lending laws, stating that the party will “end the government’s use of disparate impact theory in enforcing anti-discrimination laws with regard to lending.”

The **Democratic platform** calls on the federal government to expand the supply of affordable housing by substantially increasing funding for the National Housing Trust Fund; increasing funding for the housing choice voucher program and other rental assistance programs; and providing robust funding to end homelessness. It also calls for increasing support for first-time home buyers; expanding access to housing counseling; defending and strengthening the Fair Housing Act; and defending the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

The **Campaign for Housing and Community Development Funding (CHCDF)** offered affordable housing and community development policy recommendations to each major party's platform committee. NACEDA is an active member of this coalition of 70 housing, homeless and community development organizations working together to get the highest possible funding for these programs. Read the **letter to the RNC** and the **letter to the DNC**. CHCDF also sent a **letter to Senator Paul Ryan (R-WI)** to respond to the GOP's recently released plan to address poverty

Entire NACEDA 07-30-2016 Newsletter: <http://www.naceda.org/july-newsletter>

➔ Tax Credit Policy recommendations – stakeholder meeting 08-11

Notice: Updates posted! Proposed language for the *2017 Tax Credit Policy recommendations* have been added! This is for your information and review. Public comments may be submitted at: askusMHCF@wshfc.org. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

We will again be discussing these proposals at our *next* scheduled stakeholder meeting:

Aug 11th, 2016

1:30-3:30 PM

WA State Housing Finance Comm.

1000 2nd Avenue, 28th Floor

Training Room

Seattle, WA 98104

➔ Jobless rates inch up for Pierce, Thurston in June – TNT

http://www.thenewtribune.com/news/business/article91982752.html#eml=Afternoon_Newsletter

➔ Housing Trust Fund updates – Center for Community Change

Housing Trust Fund Project info@housingtrustfundproject.org

➔ News Clips from WLIHA 07-22-2016

Yakima:

Yakima plans to [ban public camping](#), saying that they [have a parking lot](#) for the homeless to sleep in and they can just go there. And then they followed through. So, 2 attorneys popped [tents on the sidewalk](#) in protest.

[Yakima Herald editorial board likes the steps city council is taking to address homelessness. And the Yakima media can't get enough of this story](#)

Everett:

Converting the city's old library to a [temporary housing and resource center](#) is taking shape.

And, the city is considering granting [impact fee waivers](#) to builders of affordable housing.

Issaquah:

City needs [2,500 more units of affordable housing](#) to hit targets.

Bellingham:

City of Bellingham working to [open low-barrier shelter for up to 200 homeless clients](#) 24 hours a day, every day. No one will be discriminated against based on religious preference, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Friday is [Project Homeless Connect](#), where more than 500 people are expected to come to receive services such as dental, medical exams, and housing services.

Bremerton:

Kitsap County is throwing a ["Landlord Fair"](#) where they will offer information about the new fair-housing laws, housing subsidies, veterans programs.

Washington:

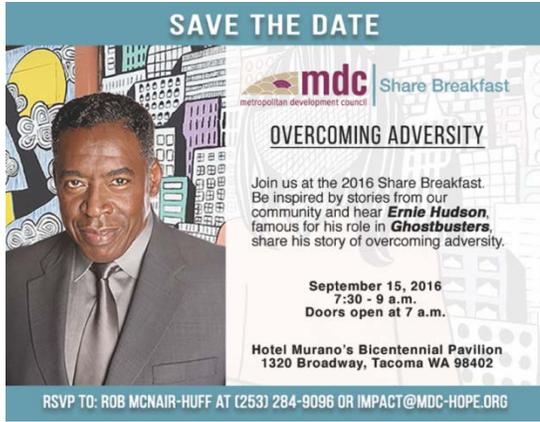
Senator Cantwell calls for [more help to address affordable housing](#), visits sites in south King County.

HUD has proposed [changing the way fair market rents are set for monthly rental vouchers](#), with the intention of giving tenants more options for housing, but some housing authorities don't think it will work.

➔ United Way Pierce County – Annual Day of Caring – Sep 23

UWPC is connecting resources to the people and groups in our area that need a helping hand. This year, we are partnering with United Ways in Snohomish, King and Thurston counties to send more volunteers into the community on this one day! At United Way, we believe that working together as a community can accomplish much more than working alone. Info, registration ➔ <http://www.uwpc.org/day-caring>

➔ MDC Share Breakfast



The poster is for the MDC Share Breakfast. It features a portrait of Ernie Hudson on the left. The background is a stylized cityscape with buildings and a yellow sun. The text is as follows:

SAVE THE DATE

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metropolitan development council

OVERCOMING ADVERSITY

Join us at the 2016 Share Breakfast. Be inspired by stories from our community and hear **Ernie Hudson**, famous for his role in **Ghostbusters**, share his story of overcoming adversity.

September 15, 2016
7:30 - 9 a.m.
Doors open at 7 a.m.

Hotel Murano's Bicentennial Pavilion
1320 Broadway, Tacoma WA 98402

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